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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraphs [0019-0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] FIG. 2 now shows, in a side view, an ultramicrotome 24 according to the present invention having a pivotable stereomicroscope 20. The pivoting motion can be implemented using a rotary knob 26, the pivoting motion of stereomicroscope [10] 20 proceeding about an axis whose direction is defined by knife edge 22.

[0020] FIG. 3 depicts a portion of ultramicrotome 24 in an enlarged partial depiction. In the present case, pivoting device 28 has a pinion 30. A rotation of pinion 30, which runs in a toothed rack 32, causes a motion of toothed rack 32, which is curved. As a result, segment 34 is displaced within its curved rigid guide 33. A focus drive 36 is provided on segment 34. Stereomicroscope [10] 20 and an illumination device 38 for illuminating working area 40, in which knife 15 is also located, are provided in turn on focus drive 36.